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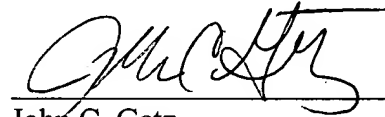
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	C18	21 U.S.C. § 121.1060 dated August 2, 1961 (2 pages)
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	C20	21 C.F.R. § 173.350 (April 1, 2003) (pages 142-143)
	C21	Memorandum of Conference between Mr. Donald W. Thomas, Legal Counsel of the Whirlpool Corporation and Mr. A.T. Spiher, Jr., Food Additive Petitions Control Branch dated May 12, 1962 (1 page)
	C22	Correspondence to Mr. Alan T. Spiher, Jr. at the FDA from Whirlpool Corporation, dated July 23, 1962 (3 pages)
	C23	Notification of Claim for General Recognition of Safety of Carbon Monoxide In A Modified Atmosphere System for Packaging Fresh Meat submitted by Pactiv Corporation (Eric Greenberg) dated August 29, 2001 (250 pages)
	C24	Correspondence from the Department of Health & Human Services' Food and Drug Administration to Mr. Eric Greenberg Re: GRAS Notice dated February 25, 2002 (3 pages)

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